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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an [] Amendment [XX] Election with Traverse, Preliminary Amendment No. 2, PTO-1449s and PTO-892 in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously asserted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

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[XX] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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[XX] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, authorizing payment in the amount of \$120.00 is attached.

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR Section 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case.

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